

### REMARKS

Claims 2 to 8, 10 to 15, 17 to 23, and 25 to 31 are pending in this application.<sup>1</sup> Of these, claims 2, 4, 6, 7, 10, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 22, 23, 26, 29 and 31 are independent. Favorable reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Initially, Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that claims 2, 4, 6, 7, 9 to 11, 13 to 15, 17, 19, 21 to 24, 26, 29, and 31<sup>2</sup> contain allowable subject matter. The remaining claims were rejected over the Fourie and Barry patents. Without conceding the propriety of this rejection, Applicant has rewritten claims 2, 4, 6, 7, 10, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 22, 23, 26, 29 and 31 as independent claims, with all of the limitations of their base claims. Applicant has also made some clarifying amendments to some of these claims, and has amended claims 4 and 19 additionally so that they comport more closely with the specification. Also, device claim 17 has been amended to more closely correspond to method claim 2.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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<sup>1</sup> The Examiner is urged to independently confirm this recitation of the pending claims.

<sup>2</sup> Applicant notes that claims 9 and 24 were previously cancelled.

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